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Mobile Citizen Supports Digital Equity Act

Washington D.C. (April 11, 2019) – Today, U.S. Sen. Pat Murray and Sen. Angus King introduced the Digital Equity Act. This legislation provides \$1.3 billion in federal funding for digital inclusion projects. Mobile Citizen, a project of Voqal, supports this necessary legislation and thanks Murray and King for highlighting this important issue.

The following statement is attributable to Cassie Bair, Chief Business Development Executive of Mobile Citizen:

“At Mobile Citizen we believe true social equity is not possible without ensuring everyone has access to high-quality broadband internet and other digital tools. Lack of these vital resources affects countless Americans and creates real barriers to upward social mobility. Whether it’s a student who has difficulty completing their homework because of lack of internet access at home or it’s a low-income job seeker who has difficulty finding work because they lack the computer needed to apply for a job, the digital divide has real consequences for real people.

This forward-thinking bill will provide necessary funding to expand digital inclusion efforts across the United States. We thank Senators Murray and King for taking steps to meaningfully address the digital divide.”

About Mobile Citizen:

Mobile Citizen provides low-cost mobile internet with unlimited data plans exclusively to nonprofit organizations, educational entities and social welfare agencies. Championed by a national collaboration of EBS (Educational Broadband Service) licensees, Mobile Citizen's internet service is available nationwide. We believe that making internet access available at an affordable price advances social equity. For more information visit www.mobilecitizen.org.

About Voqal:

Voqal is a national collaboration of EBS (Educational Broadband Service) licensees that work to advance social equity by creating an educated, empowered and engaged public. Voqal makes grants and impact investments, expands internet access and digital equity, offers fellowships and protects the public airwaves. Our efforts focus on the education and enrichment of all, not just those who are well-off socially, economically and politically. For more information visit www.voqal.org.